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LETTER

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents:

Sir:

With applicant's amendment filed March 24, 2003, there was included

A Petition for a second Extension of Time with check and an Associate Power of

Attorney to the undersigned.

Unfortunately, an unsigned copy of the Power was inadvertently included with the papers. Applicant is therefore enclosing a signed copy of the Power to complete the record.

· Any inconvenience to the Examiner is sincerely regretted.

Respectfully submitted

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New York, New York March 25, 2003